Setting up of T.V. Station in Haryana

*14. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana is the only State in the country which does not have any television station covering all the areas of the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no programmes in Haryanavi dialect are being prepared/telecast for the benefit of the Haryana people;

(c) whether Government are considering the setting up of a T.V. station for the exclusive coverage of programmes in Haryanavi dialect and also to cover the entire areas of the State; and

(d) whether Government also propose to start the production of Haryanavi programmes for the advancement of Haryana culture and for the benefit of its people, particularly in the rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Doordarshan Kendra at Delhi also telecasts programmes in the Haryanvi dialect.

(c) Subject to the approval of the competent authority, a TV Centre comprising a high power transmitter and studio is envisaged to be set up at Hissar. Programmes in Haryanvi, besides other programmes, would be telecast from the above centre, when commissioned and the uncovered areas of Haryana are expected to be brought under TV service, in addition to improvement of service of some of the areas presently receiving fringe service.

(d) Programmes of this nature are already being telecast from DDK, Delhi and Jallandhar.

Disparity in the earnings of pilots of Indian Airlines

*15. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot of Indian Airlines from Bombay and Madras region earns between Rs. 15,000/- and 20,000/- a month whereas a Delhi Pilot earns only between Rs. 6000/- and Rs. 8000/- a month;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to remove the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) There is no disparity in the basic wage structure of the pilots of Indian Airlines posted at any region. Difference in total earnings can be on account of variable/ reimbursable allowances payable to the pilots for operation of flights. Due to different nature of operations of the flights, it is not possible to equalise the earnings of the pilots without bringing about systemic changes.

Suggestions at the India International Aviation Congress

*16. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the suggestions made in the India International Aviation Congress to improve the international airlines operations and to increase the tourist traffic;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on these suggestions; and

(c) whether the Indian citizens returning to India have to fill embarkation cards and if so, whether Government propose to scrap this procedure?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL